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Applicant : Bassan Hashem, et al
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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.